



### Italian Serata for CT Scanner

Last night, Monday March 11, 2002 marked the date of our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Italian Serata and if you didn't attend, you really missed a very "special night"

A fabulous 5 course Italian dinner, prepared by the chefs of La Trattoria, was served in the elegant ambience of this wonderful local restaurant.

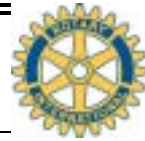
This incredible fundraiser for the MeadowRidge Hospital Foundation was created to generate funds for the CT Scanner Project. Our Club pledged \$20,000.= over 3 years and through the combined efforts of our Club and La Trattoria Restaurant, we were able to raise \$7,000.= in just this **one night!** Truly incredible!!

The 60 tickets were a sell-out (at \$120.= a piece) And everyone had a great time, very relaxed, enjoyable and informal. Fred Armstrong as MC, Frank Ervin (a former member of our Club) as spokesperson for the CT Scanner fundraising committee and Sandy Rankin as chair of the Hospital Foundation with all very short and informal "speeches" Guests represented a cross-section of Rotarians, local doctors and people interested in supporting the cause. The overall result a very pleasant social night, complemented by fabulous food and .....on top of that a fantastic fundraiser for our local hospital. Thanks to everyone participating. I have to single out some very hardworking Rotarians; Thank You Soo much to Dave Reekie and Mary Robson, who organized the entire event in record time, and last but not least: a great big Thank You goes to Mario and all the chefs and other staff at La Trattoria for co-sponsoring this event, without you we couldn't have done anything like this!

In closing, again, if you didn't make it this year, make sure to get your tickets early next year for our "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Italian Serata", I think the tickets will be an easy sell and very hard to get, I know I'll be back and so will many others, who attended last night!



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INVOCATION March 12: Bill Dingwall March 19: Doris Gagel

### BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Mar 14:	Peter Boekhorst	Merlyn White
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**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Billy Weselowski, from Inner Vision, will address drug issues which Maple Ridge children face.

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Business Meeting

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar 13		World Rotaract Day	
Mar 21-24		PETS (Have a great time Stan!)	
Mar 20	12 noon	WineZest Meeting	Library
Apr 18	7pm	MR Service Clubs Social Dinner	Ecra Senior Centre
Apr 20		District Assembly	
Apr 20		50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Haney Club	Meadow Gardens
May 11	7pm - 10pm	WineZest 2002	Maple Ridge Library
June 23-26		RI Convention Barcelona	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$450 + 1/2 of today's sales, 28 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

### LAST WEEKS PROGRAM

Pat Horstead, principal Mount Crescent School, was our speaker last week. Pat described some of the programmes at her school and it was most interesting to become aware of some of the things that happen in schools in our community.

Mount Crescent School has about 340 students with 20 teachers and 10 support staff. The School District recognises the special needs at the school and over and above the teaching complement; there is a vice-principal as well as an additional teacher on staff.

The school fosters a community spirit and works with other agencies in the community to provide training and education at low or no cost to the parents at Mount Crescent. Frequently the community assists in the funding of special programmes.

Some of the programmes at Mount Crescent include Social Responsibility, a Buddy Programme and Peacekeeping. This builds responsibility for all students. Assembly is at the beginning of the week rather than the end and each week an Assembly Theme is chosen. The latest was “Be kind to Others”. Quotes are posted throughout the school, and staff reinforces the theme every day. The children embraced the “Being Kind” theme and 42 kids received certificates of recognition. This is an excellent way to start each week on a positive note.

Following through on the positive, Pat regularly does “positive phone call messages”. The child is brought to the office and the parent is called to acknowledge what the student has done to receive recognition. The positive phone call is not limited to academic achievement, but also considers social responsibility.

Good behaviour is recognised and reinforced at all levels. Behaviour is tracked during the months of October and November and staff work on reinforcing good behaviour. Staff makes a point of catching kids at being good in their “Catch ya being good” programme.

Children face tremendous challenges each day and many families are in crisis. The most astounding aspect is the ability of these children to get up each morning and make it to school.

Hats off those dedicated teachers!

Submitted by Caro O’Kennedy

### 2 X 4 = 2 MINUTES OF ROTARY INFORMATION 4 TIMES PER MONTH

This was last weeks 2x4: **YOUTH EXCHANGE**

Youth Exchange is one of the most popular programs to promote international understanding and develop lifelong friendships. It began in 1927 with the Rotary Club of Nice, France. In 1939 an extensive Youth Exchange was created between California and Latin America. Since then the program has expanded around the world. In recent years more than 7,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary club- and district-sponsored exchange programs.

The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the high school-age students involved but also by the host families, sponsoring clubs, receiving high schools and the entire community. Youth Exchange participants usually provide their fellow students in their host schools with excellent opportunities to learn about customs, languages, traditions and family life in another country.

Youth Exchange offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students usually spend a full academic year abroad, although some clubs and districts sponsor short-term exchanges of several weeks or months.

Youth Exchange is a highly recommended program for all Rotary clubs as a practical activity for the enhancement of international understanding and goodwill.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 12: Caro O’Kennedy

### CLUB MEMBER PROFILE - GUESS WHO IS THIS BABY?

I was born in a small community in the West Kootenays. My folks moved to BC from Alberta, built a log house on 13 acres and spent ten years trying to start a family while running a small business. Then I came along. Four years later my sister was born and that, as they say, was a wrap. My folks are great outdoors enthusiasts, so while I was growing up, we’d spent most of our summer holidays at the lake or camping and picking huckleberries. Winters were spent skiing, snowmobiling and figure skating. I’m sure if my Dad had his way, I would have played hockey, but back then girls just weren’t allowed to play hockey! So, instead, I spent eight years getting up a 5:30 in the morning and skating for 2 ½ hours before going to school. Then, after school, I’d go back to the rink and skate for another 2 ½ hours before dinner and homework. Then I’d do it all over again the next day. Needless to say, I didn’t have much of a life during high school (thinking back, hockey would have been a lot easier)!! I decided to retire from competitive skating in grade 12, to focus on my academic courses. I paid off. I graduated with honours and three scholarships.



After graduating, I took a year of University transfer courses at a nearby College. I thought I wanted to be a Psychologist. What I discovered that year was that I actually wanted to be in media and communications. You see, in between skating and high school, I also managed to fit in a part-time job as a “DJ” at our local radio station. It was a great job – lots of fun, the pay was the pits, say no more. So after my year of University transfer, I moved to the big city (much to my Mother’s horror) and went to BCIT, where I took Broadcasting. But, alas, the same situation – lots of fun jobs in radio, but unless you’re Bill Good or Rafe Mair, the pay’s the pits! So I worked at Expo 86 (for the California Pavilion) and then got a job doing marketing for a hotel at Whistler (can you say free skiing?!) A couple years later I got hired by a hotel chain to set up and run their regional sales office on Vancouver Island. When they transferred me back to Vancouver I decided shortly thereafter to start my own business - with my significant other as my partner. Ten years later, with the business still rolling along, my business (and life) partner and I decided to tie the knot. Amidst our hectic lives, we took time out to have a family and love sharing our free time watching our son grow. We thoroughly enjoy living in Maple Ridge and all the fabulous outdoor experience opportunities there are in our area. We feel truly blessed to be living in such a beautiful corner of the earth!

As a member of Rotary, I greatly enjoy the fellowship opportunities with my fellow Rotarians and love getting involved in the community projects that Rotary supports. Giving back to my community has always been important to me and being a member of Rotary is one way I can accomplish this. Thanks for letting me be a part of such a great club! Who am I???